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SUBJECT: ISRAEL MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, JAN-MAY 1978;
RISE CONTINUE

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS PRELIMINARY
TOTALS FOR JANUARY-MAY EXPORTS (IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS):

	JAN-MAY 1977	JAN-MAY 1978	PERCENT CHA JAN-MAY 78 FROM JAN-MAY 77
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TOTAL	1,199.2	1,600.3	PLUS 33.4
AGRICULTURAL	240.0	292.7	PLUS 22.0
CITRUS	145.3	152.3	PLUS 4.8
OTHER AGR.	94.7	140.4	PLUS 48.3
INDUSTRIAL & OTHERS	959.2	1,307.6	PLUS 36.3
FOOD, BEVERAGE, TOBACCO	64.5	80.5	PLUS 24.8
TEXTILE, CLOTHING & LEATHER	86.6	955.7	PLUS 10.5
WOOD, PAPER, PRINTING			
MISCELLANEOUS	40.2	51.6	PLUS 28.4
MINES, QUARRIES, NON-METALIC			
MINERALS	32.5	38.9	PLUS 19.7

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CHEMICALS, RUBBER & PLASTICS	131.5	169.0	PLUS 28.5
METALS, MACHINERY & ELECTRONICS	181.7	293.7	PLUS 61.6
POLISHED DIAMONDS (NET)	403.4	559.5	PLUS 38.7

OTHER EXPORTS 18.8 18.7 MINUS 0.5

INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS EXCL.

DIAMONDS 555.8 748.1 PLUS 34.6

2. COMMENT: ISRAELI EXPORTS ACROSS THE BOARD ARE DOING
VERY WELL, LED BY DIAMONDS AND METALS, MACHINERY AND ELECTRONICS.
EVEN EXCLUDING THESE TWO CATEGORIES, WHICH COMPRISED 53 PERCENT
OF TOTAL EXPORTS IN THE REPORTING PERIOD, EXPORTS WERE UP MORE THAN
22 PERCENT. ON THE BASIS OF FIVE MONTHS DATA, THE GOI
NATIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR A GAIN OF 22 PERCENT IN MERCHANDISE
EXPORTS IS FAR TOO LOW. THE 1978 ESTIMATE OF \$3.5 BILLION WOULD
BE REACHED EVEN WITH NO INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF EXPORTS IN THE
LAST SEVEN MONTHS OF THE YEAR COMPARED TO THE SAME MONTHS LAST
YEAR.

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